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PATENT APPLICATION

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

U.S. National Phase Entry of:

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: NYA  
Karl-Heinz Ritter and )  
Thomas M. Schmatz : Group Art Unit: NYA  
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Int'l Appln No.: :  
PCT/EP00/00536 )  
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Int'l Filing Date: )  
25 January 2000 :  
: )  
For: PROCESS FOR ATTACHING )  
THE OIL SUMP TO AN ENGINE: )  
BLOCK OF INTERNAL )  
COMBUSTION VEHICLE : March 1, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, kindly amend  
the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend Claims 1-19 to read as follows:

a 1. (Amended) A process for attaching an oil sump to  
an engine block of a combustion engine, a seal being made by a  
curable composition between a first sealing surface on the oil  
sump and a second sealing surface on the engine block, to which